

MTA-5005

1 May 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- April 1985

I. GENERAL

The bureau was evacuated on 19 April due to a bomb threat.

II. OPERATIONAL

A. Monitorial/Editorial

HEBREW SECTION

It was a relatively busy month for the Hebrew section. Withdrawal from Lebanon continued to be the main story of the month with the Cabinet agreeing to withdraw to the international border by the beginning of June, to support the ASL and civil guards in the security strip and to retain freedom of action to operate against terrorist organizations in Lebanon. The withdrawal from the eastern sector of Lebanon took place typically without prior announcement on 24 April. The earlier evacuation of the Ansar prison camp detainees from Lebanon to Israel and the subsequent release of a number of detainees, though significant, produced more foreign than domestic reaction.

A domestic political storm arose over Ezer Weizman's "private" trip to Egypt to talk to President Mubarak and other high level Egyptian officials. Ministerial-level trips abroad are ordinarily approved pro forma by the Cabinet but Foreign Minister Shamir and his supporters clearly saw Weizman's trip as an unacceptable intrusion into Shamir's domain.

Israel went on daylight savings time 14 April.

Shipment of videotapes for the Cities Project has been finalized to 5 night flights a week.

TURKISH SECTION

The problem of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria continued to simmer with the Turkish Government sending its third note to Bulgaria, this time looking for a dialogue to settle the problem.

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Turkey went on daylight savings time 20 April.

The section sent off the first of three computerized reference lists -- this one on Turkish/Greek Cypriot place names -- to Headquarters and Nicosia Bureau.

**B. Communications**

Equipment for upgrading the communications circuit to 150 baud was successfully tested in-house on 27 April.

**C. Lateral Services**

Local consumer requested bureau obtain from Jordan Bureau Damascus radio recordings for 29 March, thought to carry remarks by missing IDF soldier Mo'in Halabi.

**III. ADMINISTRATION**

**A. Personnel**

A wage increase of 4.3% was approved as a result of a comparability survey of Israeli companies.

STAT Teletypist [ ] resigned abruptly on 15 April, 2 months earlier than planned.

STAT Teletypist [ ] resigned 30 April.

STAT Teletypist [ ] arrived from London Bureau on 26 April to begin approximately 6 weeks TDY.

STAT Bureau Chief [ ] attended the FBIS Bureau Chiefs Conference from 8 to 19 April.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report  
b. Communications Report

## Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for APRIL 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	250750
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	76420
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	781

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6253.00 min.	10520.00 min.	51.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	8380
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	510
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	5910
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	3530
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish	3790

## CYPRUS

Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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## ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	73360
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	9920
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	11550
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	580
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	21030
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew	4760
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English	0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			9950
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			11670
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			3840
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			9170
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			17160
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			2020
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			540
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			13220
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			4110
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew			0
Moscow in Dari			590
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	27460		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish			630
Ankara ANATOLIA in English			6660
Ankara ANATOLIA in French			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	410		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR APRIL 1985    ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS      250,750      (273,290)  
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS    76,420      ( 70,110)  
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED              10,906      ( 11,077)

HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 17,560 on 11 April 85

LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS    3,140 on 27 April 85

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 12.50 HOURS, 2.5 PERCENT.

OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 12.50 HOURS, 2.5 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 6 April - local problem at TCU  
9 April - problem [REDACTED]  
14 April - power outage at TCU causing satellite to go down  
15 April - problems [REDACTED]  
21 April - power failure in embassy  
27 April - planned local outage to check equipment for change  
over to 150 baud

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT:    1,520

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.